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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my support for settling the Microsoft antitrust lawsuit according to the agreement reached in November. I feel that whenever the government gets its hands into something, it gets ruined, and the Microsoft case is a serious example.

I am a Microsoft stockholder, though I do not use Windows as my primary operating system. Because of that, I recognize the freedom of choice that already exists in the marketplace. The changes Microsoft is agreeing to in how it distributes Windows, and in giving computer users new abilities to better use non-Microsoft programs with the Windows operating system, will further promote freedom of choice.

Let the product speak for itself. If Microsoft sells good products, they will be successful. If they don't (or their competitors don't), they will fail. I urge you to settle the antitrust case with no further delay.

Sincerely,

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